

ABROGATION MAY BRING ON TARIFF WAR WITH RUSSIA

"Favored Nation Clause" Is Common to Both.

EACH MAY REVOKE THIS

United States Would Be Heaviest Loser in that Event.

Our Exports to Russia More Than Twice as Great as Imports from Her Domain—Desiring New Treaty, State Department Anxiously Awaits Russia's First Move—Built on Concessions.

Serious tariff difficulties will automatically arise between Russia and the United States with the termination of the treaty of 1832, one year from next month, unless by that time a new treaty has been negotiated, or Russia goes out of her way to grant rate concessions to this country.

President Taft yesterday signed the Lodge resolution approving the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia, which was passed by the House Wednesday. There was no formal ceremony. Secretary of State Knox was the only witness. With the President's signature, the resolution becomes a law. The convention will be terminated next December 15.

The difficulties that are feared will grow out of the double tariff system of the Russian government. One set of schedules is to be applied to goods coming from countries with which Russia has treaties, containing "most favored nation" clauses. The other rates are to be applied to imports from countries with which Russia has not in force any guarantee of "most favored nation" treatment. The latter rates are known as the "general tariff" of Russia, while the former are called the "conventional tariff."

BUILT ON CONCESSIONS.

The conventional tariff was built up through concessions to various countries, granting reductions in goods of a particular class. Through long operation of this system, and the extension of the "most favored nation" treatment, these concessions, granted a few at a time, have become the tariff rates ordinarily applied.

With the termination of the treaty of 1832, the United States will no longer have any guarantee of the most favored nation tariff treatment, and under the ordinary interpretation of the Russian tariff law, the general tariff rates, considerably higher than those of the conventional tariff, will be applied to American goods.

Tariff War Probable.

This situation would be in effect nothing less than a tariff war, the effect of which, of course, can hardly be foreseen at this time.

For the year ended June 30, 1911, the value of American exports to Russia was about twice that of Russian goods brought into this country. Exports to Russia, consisting chiefly of agricultural implements, unmanufactured cotton, and steel were valued at \$3,704,968. The value of Russian goods imported into the United States, principally hides, skins, and unmanufactured wool, were valued at \$1,828,462.

It is the intention of the State Department to make no effort to press the negotiation of a new treaty with Russia for a very considerable length of time. It is believed that nothing but an embargo on both sides could result from endeavoring to open the discussion of the Jewish passport question, and a new treaty at present. It is intended that Russia shall have a long time to forget about any momentary resentment of the situation in the United States.

Above all else the department would wish that Russia would at some time within the next twelve months offer to begin the negotiation of a new treaty. It is hardly expected, however, that the Russian government will prove to be so good natured and helpful.

If favorable opportunity presents itself within the next year, the Russian government will be invited to negotiate a naturalization treaty with the United States. For more than fifty years Russia has declined to negotiate such a treaty, as she still adheres to the doctrine of perpetual allegiance and does not recognize the right of her subjects to become citizens of another country and absolve themselves of all the obligations of Russian citizenship. If such a treaty could be negotiated, it is believed most of the passport troubles would automatically disappear.

EMPLOYEES TO GET \$500,000.
Profit-sharing plan for Crane Company brings fine Christmas gift.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Employees of the Crane Company will draw down salaries in \$500,000 profits of the business as their Christmas gift. The company has had the profit-sharing plan in operation for thirteen years.

Try Nurely Eye Remedy for Red, Weak, Watery Eyes and Gravelled Eyelids. No Smarting—Just Eye Comfort.

UTILITIES BODY TO BE EXPECTED BY NEXT SPRING

Oldfield Measure Paves Way to Law Enactment.

LIKE GALLINGER BILL

Aimed Particularly at Watering of Utility Stocks.

Arkansas's Bill Also Specifically Directs Proposed Commission to Order Universal Transfers—Belief Is General That the Gallinger and Oldfield Bills Will Be Reconciled in Conference.

Specifically calling for the establishment of a system of reciprocal and universal transfers and designed to aim a death blow at stock inflation in public service corporations in the District, the bill which has been prepared by Representative Oldfield, of Arkansas, to establish a public utilities commission in the District was introduced in the House yesterday.

The bill was referred to the House District Committee, of which Representative Oldfield is one of the leading members. It will be sent at once by the committee to the Commissioners for report and recommendation. The Commissioners will report on the Oldfield measure simultaneously with the Gallinger public utilities bill, introduced in the Senate last week.

COMMISSION THIS SESSION.

The provisions contained in the Oldfield bill and its general similarity to the Gallinger measure assures the District the much-desired public utilities commission this session, in the belief of members of the House and Senate committees. Mr. Oldfield's bill is based on the utilities bill introduced by Senator Gallinger last June, and which, in an improved form, was reintroduced last week.

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NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Will Report on the Defunct Building Association.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 21.—H. Noel Garner, special commissioner, will, it is expected, to-morrow submit his report on the financial affairs of the defunct Merchant Building and Loan Association to the Circuit Court. Mr. Garner was this afternoon placing the finishing touches on the report. Just what the depositors or shareholders will receive is problematical. It is generally believed, however, that there will be a legal battle between the depositors and the stockholders.

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SHOOTS THREE TIGERS.

King George Alan Bowls Over Several Rhinoceroses.

Delhi, India, Dec. 21.—Three tigers and three rhinoceros fell victims of King George's aim during his hunt yesterday, as the guest of the Rajah of Nepal, according to advices received today. Six hundred elephants and forty automobiles are being used in the hunt. There is an abundance of game. King George plans to present seven of his trophies to British museums.

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"But," as one temporary clerk said, "it is pretty tough, you know, to lose out on a good job on the very first day of the new year with one's cash all gone for Christmas presents and business expenses. The first is to disburse about one-third of the temporary force. Five hundred dismissals, I can safely say, will be the maximum under any circumstances. The second policy under my consideration is the dismissal of only a few of the 'inefficients.' We can continue with the present force for three months, of course, it is possible that at the expiration of that time Congress will appropriate more money, but we cannot anticipate Congressional action."

GIVES WIFE TO BROTHER.

Georgia Planter Will Legally Surrender His Bride.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 21.—Because his young bride has fallen in love with his brother, J. L. Beck proposes to turn her over to him as soon as it can be legally done. The Becka are wealthy planters, living near here. Two years ago the elder brother married a vivacious girl of twenty years, and the youngest brother went to live with them. Three days ago Mrs. Beck left home ostensibly to visit her parents, and about the same time J. C. Beck disappeared. Notified of their presence in Macon the husband came here and had them arrested.

"I soon learned," said the wife, "that I loved J. C. Beck better than you and, loving him, I did not think I ought to continue to be a wife to you."

Beck had the couple released and promised to allow his wife to obtain a divorce.

Foreman Beaten by Strikers.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 21.—In a fatal riot to-day among laborers employed on the extension being constructed between Cumberland and Connellsville, Frank Bering, a foreman, was beaten until he was taken away in a dying condition. The trouble was caused by 300 Italians going on strike. The police had a hard fight with the laborers before order was restored.

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Petition Filed in Nebraska Seeks Order Requiring the Colonel's Name to Be Placed on Ballots in the Coming Primaries, at Which Presidential Preference Will Be Shown.

Correspondence Between Former Occupant of the White House, in Which He Vigorously Disclaims Asking or Obtaining Aid of Wall Street in 1904, Made Public.

New York, Dec. 21.—Two potent developments of to-day gave strong indication to political savants that Col. Theodore Roosevelt is slowly, but insistently, trying to pave the way to capture the 1912 Presidential nomination.

Correspondence recently between George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, and Col. Roosevelt, in which detail is made that Col. Roosevelt sought the aid of E. H